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## Notice of Allowability

Application No. 09/753,495

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

**Helane Myers** 

Group Art Unit 1764



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X The allowed claim(s) is/are $1$ -	3
The drawings filed on	are acceptable.
Acknowledgement is made of	a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
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## REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The indicated claims are deemed allowable since no prior art was found which

Process for removing contaminants from Used oil as claimed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to H. Myers whose telephone number is (703) 308-3323.

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PRIMANINER

H. Myers

August 8, 2001

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